Year	Suspended	Cancelled
2003	03	02
2004	24	02
2005	28	16
2006	49	28

During the same period, the number of complaints filed against the unresgistered Recruiting Agents with the Police authorities concerned are as under:

Year	No. of complaints filed.
2003	25
2004	39
2005	53
2006	78

Share of Indian immigrants to Europe

1094. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India continues to be one of the largest source of talented immigrant work-force to the US and different European countries;

(b) if so, the India's share of such immigrants to these countries during the last five years and current year, so far; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to promote such immigration?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Since emigration check is not required for US and European countries, no record of the Indian emigrants going to these countries is maintained.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Legal assistance to Indian women abroad

1095. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plants to provide free legal assistance to women of Indian origin who are in distress or bad plight; and

(b) whether Government would also consider the plight of some women in South India, who were married to citizens of West Asian countries and later got divorced or were abandoned by their husbands?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) and (b) The Government has recently launched a scheme to provide legal and counselling assistance through Indian Missions abroad to Indian women who have been deserted or divorced within two years of the marriage by their overseas Indian spouses in the form of financial assistance on a case by case basis. The scheme will cover cases pertaining to USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and countries in the Gulf.

Indian medical practitioners in UK

1096. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether medical practitioners practicing in United Kingdom have to leave their jobs in view of a legislation enacted in that country giving preference to medical practitioners from the European Union;

(b) the essential features of the new legislation passed in the country;

(c) whether Government have decided to intervene in the matter and make a representation to Government of United Kingdom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (d) The British Government has implemented new immigration and employment regulations on 7th March, 2006, under which all non-EU doctors will hereafter require a work permit to work in the UK. However, work permit will be given against specific vacancies for which suitable UK/EU doctors are not available. The new regulations abolished the Permit-Free Training (PFT) category through which most Indian Medical Graduates (IMG) worked in the UK. The new regulations were confirmed by an order of the British High Court on 9th February, 2007. The Indian High Commission had taken up with the Government of UK the issue of allowing the Indian doctors to apply for the first round of recruitment under the system of